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Applicant(s): Keiji YADA, et al.) Re: Information Disclosure
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For: "X-RAY MICROSCOPIC INSPECTION) Examiner: not yet assigned
APPARATUS") Our Ref: B-5308 621524-7
) Date: September 1, 2004

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Sir:

In accordance with the Applicants' duty to disclose information which may be material to the examination of this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider on the merits the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) before issuing the first Office Action on the merits. We are enclosing herewith a copy of each document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified).

It should be noted that the above-identified application may be related by subject matter to the following U.S. Application(s): 10/719,008, filed November 21, 2003. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) and M.P.E.P. 2004, paragraph 9, the applicant brings these co-pending applications to the attention of the Examiner. The Examiner should consider this information during the prosecution of the above-identified application. However, citation of these applications does not constitute an admission that the claims of the present application are substantially similar or similar to those of the applications listed above.

Japanese Document No. 2004-138460 is not in English. A concise English-language explanation of the relevance of Japanese Document No. 2004-138460 can be found in the enclosed English-language

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abstract and partial translation.

Japanese Document No. 2004-138460 was previously cited in a IDS filed on August 3, 2004. The document is being resubmitted because Japanese Document No. 2004-138460 was incorrectly mistyped on the Form PTO-1449 (modified) as Japanese Document No. 2001-138460 in the IDS filed on August 3, 2004.

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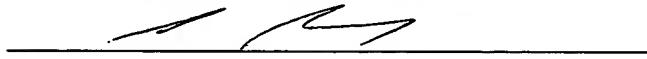
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